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	Group Art Unit	1644	
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	Title: Method and Compositions for Use in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic Immune Disease		

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This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

1. (Once Amended) A method for diagnosing whether a host suffers from a chronic immune disease, said method comprising:

A1 assaying a sample from said host for the presence of at least one low molecular weight RNase L fragment having a molecular weight of from about 35 to about 45 kDa to determine whether said host suffers from a chronic immune disease.

6. (Once Amended) A method of diagnosing chronic immune disease activity in a human subject, said method comprising:

A2 (a) obtaining a sample from said subject;

(b) assaying said sample for:

(i) the presence of at least one RNase L fragment having a molecular weight of from about 35 to about 45 kDa; and